

IRELAND IN MISERY; CONGESTION RUINOS

Disraeli Conditions Are Set Forth in Report of the Royal Commission—Improvements Where Land Question is Settled.

London, Nov. 20.—The government has just issued the voluminous evidence taken before the royal commission on the congestion in Ireland, and many are the gloomy and dismal phases of life in the Emerald Isle, which can be picked out of its pages. The report, which was presented to the priest of Killinagh, County Cavan, supplies one which is typical of many. He says that as soon as the youth of the country are able to provide for themselves they fly off to America, thus leaving the aged and young children to look after the homes, with the result that the lands are not tilled as much as they should be, and the children are not sent to school as all depend for support on the credit given by the local shopkeepers, waiting for the American remittance.

Depressing Conditions.

The further reason is that it becomes less and less difficult for the shopkeepers to refuse them credit, there is nothing before them but an emigrant ship to America.

Father McNairan states that anything that might be called land in anything but a very limited sense is given over to grazing, the people having been banished in and after the famine to the towns and to the market and to America. There are many of poverty all around. The people are half-fed and half-clad, the children are half-clad and half-starved, the country itself is a barren wilderness.

But a brighter phase of Irish life is to be seen in the country districts, where the land question is no longer a political but an economic one. A few years ago the people were at the place of trials bitter in the markets, and the Danish pig won in death a truce with the English, who had condemned him at his own stye. Other countries were less aggressive, and the English, who are the only master of Limerick, are to have a grass so rich you could grow your boots on it. The butter that will fit out comes to us ready made.

Plunkett Finds Roots.

When the darkest hour seemed to have come for Ireland, Mr. Plunkett took the burden of his countrymen on his own shoulders. He found that the reason for the depression and want of the markets of the world were want of joint action and want of a central organization. The men who had been at work both in the Danish farm and in the French poultry-yard, it is to be noted, were Danish. The Danish pig had routed the Irish pig.

Danish farmers had cooperated, had formed first, creameries, then gave them a guarantee of milk for feeding and afterward cooperative bacon factories. Again, the Danish government cooperated with technical instruction, expert advice and material support.

Experts were sent to England and other countries to report on the wants of their markets. The yearly contribution by members of the Danish co-operative agriculture is \$40,000. The same course has been followed in France, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Wurtemburg, Hungary and Switzerland.

Gives Good Advice.

But for Ireland, the country of all others most dependent on agriculture, practically nothing had been done. Sir Horace Plunkett told the farmers they must begin among themselves. "Sell here, buy here," was his motto. He advised them to understand that it was to combine and trust one another and to work together on lines that the English and the foreign buyers had worked on.

He forced an agricultural organization with societies in different parts of the country, where the farmers were taught to work out their own salvation, not to depend on the political agitator. Success has resulted. The trade of the new societies is steadily increasing. In the poorer districts co-operative banks have been established and the members pay a loan money at 6 per cent. instead of paying 30 per cent. as a few years ago. Money is never lent except for productive purposes.

Money in Poultry.

Poultry statistics also have been started and are being carried on, for, though hens lay as well in congested districts as elsewhere, eggs could only be sold at a loss to traveling hucksters or bartered on very bad terms at the village shop. In the congested districts the people become indolent and thrifty; everything is going very well, but in districts where the people are free, as in the better districts, the people have regular work. Regular \$12 each.

Catastrophe in France.

Paris, Nov. 21.—A catastrophe occurred today on the road that is being constructed between the towns of Gisors and Thionville, near Gravelines. The road follows the river for a considerable distance, then crosses a rocky bank of the river. It had been under an almost complete arch about two miles from the Louvain railway bridge. Some thirty men were working at this point, when the side of the bank gave way. The road was covered with the earth and stones, and thirty men and seventeen men were buried in the fallen earth. Two men were taken alive, but one was buried under a rock talked for some time with those trying to save him. The efforts were in vain, and the man died some time later. Fourteen bodies have been recovered.

The Manchester House.

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November Clearing Sale all this Week. Sat. 23rd Last Day of Sale

Only two more days and our big November Clearing Sale will be over. It has been a gigantic success, a convincing proof that Edmonton shoppers appreciate our efforts to supply them with the latest goods at lowest prices. There are still two days, Friday and Saturday, during which you can buy at sale prices, and we would strongly advise you, if you have not attended our sale, to do so tomorrow or Saturday. It has paid others, it will pay you. For tomorrow and Saturday, we are putting on a great number of new lines, not on sale before, but which are just as good values as any lines we offered earlier during the sale.

Some Very Seasonable Bargains in the Shoe Department

IF YOU READ the weather probabilities in the Daily Bulletin you will notice we are to expect snow and colder weather; certainly it is reasonable to expect something of the kind at this time of the year; and our shoe man evidently thought so when he put out his lines for this week's sale. You will notice our shoe bargains this week include felt slippers, hockey shoes and wool lined walking or skating shoes; very seasonable goods.



36 pairs women's black box calf hockey bals, McPherson's "Lightning" Hitch" style, admitted to be the best hockey shoe made.

This week \$2.95 pair

36 pairs women's vic kid wool lined bals, a good comfortable and stylish shoe, suitable for walking or skating; all sizes, 2 1/2 to 7. This line is sold regularly at \$3.50 pair.

This week \$2.75 pair

Women's Fine Lace Shoes \$2.15 Pair

These are all that is left of a number of different lines but they include all sizes.

58 pairs women's fine Vic kid lace shoes, in either bals or blucher style; sizes 2 1/2 to 7. These shoes retailed at \$3.00 and \$3.50.

This week \$2.15 pair

72 pairs women's black box calf lace shoes, in either bals or blucher style; sizes 2 1/2 to 7. These shoes retailed at \$3.00 and \$3.50.

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